#### **PATENT**

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DIGITAL CABLE HEADEND FOR CABLE TELEVISION DELIVERY

**SYSTEMS** 

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/160,283, filed on December 2, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No.

07/991,074, filed on December 9, 1992.

### SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner of Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

# **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please amend the following claim:

(Amended) A modular cable headend for a cable television program delivery system 33. which receives program signals, at least one of the program signals having digitized programs, and services a plurality of set top terminals, wherein set top terminals receive processed signals from the cable headend, the modular cable headend comprising:

a first set of signal processing equipment comprising:

means for receiving program signals for processing; and

means for processing one or more of the program signals into a first processed

signal:

# TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted
- □ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- □ No additional fee is required.

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